using an Artificial Limb of Indian make having the same functional properties. The other case is under process. As soon as a decision is taken on the case, the same would be conveyed to the beneficiary.

**Side-effects of cough syrups**

1116. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various brands of cough syrups available across the counter in the country have ever been got analysed to assess its side-effects on patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* stating the side-effects on the patients;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that most cough syrups available freely in the market have dextro-methorphan (DXM), suppressants and expectorants; and

(e) if so, the effects on nerve system and brain of these ingredients on the patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The rationality of cough preparations which contain different categories of therapeutic ingredients had been examined by an expert committee in the year 1998 and guidelines were made available to State Drugs Control Organisations including labeling requirements requiring mention of specific category of cough preparations, precautions and warnings appropriate for their ingredients based on the known side-effects of such ingredients.

(d) and (e) Dextro-methorphan (DXM) is a commonly used cough suppressant for the relief of unproductive cough. According to the medicial literature, adverse effect with Dextro-methorphan appears to be rare and include dizziness and gastro-intestinal disturbances. Excitation, confusion and respiratory depression may occur after over doses.